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Histories of countries, societies and religions always change. The change can be seen in the past problems regarding racial differences or in many political regiments, which both are now drastically different than the past. All these changes are examples that originated from strong beliefs, which influenced an individual or a group of people to speak out their ideas and convince others to believe them and make progressions to change the society. Belief is a powerful tool to bring upon change; In fact, it is the most important thing that has brought big changes in the world and has the cause of the great actions in the history.

One of the incidents that are very important in our world is the belief in religions. One good example is Abraham's viewpoint and the change that came from his belief. Judaism, Islam and Christianity, hence the differences, all have one thing in common: "Monotheism". Monotheism originated from Abraham, in the period of Polytheistic, the time when everyone worshiped many gods.

Biologically, Abraham was a son of a statue manufacturer in the time of

Polytheistic. He questioned why people worshiped many gods and adored sculptures, which did not have human interaction. People should adore only one God and there is only one true God, which led to the start of Monotheism. His belief was rapidly spread around to as much as 1/3 population in the world.¹

At the time the Bible was written, Abraham was visited by the God where He made promises to Abraham. If Abraham would leave his home, his family and his land, the God would provide him a great nation along with His blessings. This is one of the agreements between the God and the Jews. After God visited, Abraham went to Israel, the Promised Land. There he had two sons: Ishmael, who, according to both Muslim and Jewish tradition, was the ancestor of the Arabs and Isaac, who was the forefather of the Jews. Abraham was also represented as the father of the Jewish people and Muslims call Abraham as Ibrahim, an important prophet of Muslims' faith in the later time.²

Note that, belief is what everyone has. Depending on each individual, some may believe in their idol's ideas or views while some may believe in the movement of others.

Belief can drive people to good and evil depending on many factors such as opinion,

¹ BBC contributors. "Abraham
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/history/abraham_1.shtml>

² Jewishvirtuallibrary contributors.
"Abraham"<<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/biography/abraham.html>>

method, education, experience and etc. Belief is the tool, which lead to the power of Abraham. After he spread his believe in monotheism, a group of people that believed in what he said and became his faithful followers.

As seen in Abraham's action, a strong belief is the most powerful thing. If an individual strongly believes in one thing and stands for its point for a long period of time, he or she would be able to convince others. All of these actions will develop into the trust of people, which would initiate them to obey the leader in the way that grow in perspective of mind and show in surface of performance. In Abraham's case, many people gather together and later on developed into a big nation called the Jew. The Jews respected him as a role model of living because of his kindness and fortitude. Judaism comes from the concept of Monotheism, which was introduced by Abraham. After a period of time people started to separate themselves into Muslim and Christian. The most admirable thing that was shown in the history of mankind is the Jewish people firmly stand up for their standpoint. They did not change their belief³ hence the terrible incidents, such as the Crusade War, the Jewish-Roman war and the World War II.

Furthermore, after Abraham's death, there was an action in relation to his belief. It

³ BBC contributors. 28 Aug 2012
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/beliefs/beliefs_1.shtml>

was a very shocking incident that happened in our world: World War II. The World War II was a very tragic war, which hurt and shattered all the Jews' hearts. It was the war involving Jewish people being killed around 7 millions people just because of their belief in Judaism. Hitler, the leader of the Germans and the most important person in this war, hated the Jews and had the intention to eliminate the existence of the Jews. However, nowadays the Jews still appear in this world with the firm belief in their doctrine.

In the history, the Jewish people do not have their own country; they scattered around the Red Sea.⁴ They fought to go back to Israel because they believe that Israel is the Promised land where God gave to them. As everyone knows, in the war, many people have to sacrifice their lives. The Jewish people sacrifice their lives for their belief of their God. However, conflicts between the Arabs and the Jews about land of Gaza strip and West bank are still on going and far from the word 'peace'.⁵ This is another big movement, which can be considered that the beliefs can cause powerful actions and lead to the big incidents in the world.

In conclusion, Abraham is the pioneer of Judaism and is also an important

⁴ Judaism online , Jewish history , 29 Aug 2013

<http://www.simpletoremember.com/articles/a/the_seven_wonders_of_jewish_history1/>

⁵ Wikipedia contributors. "Jew". Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. 1 Sep. 2012

<<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jews>>

discoverer of a great belief. His discovery of Monotheism is related to 3 big religions as mentioned above. Abraham is a powerful leader. He used his belief to change the world. Every drive needs a great bravery of its leader and also the open hearts from the people who are ready to support. Belief is a great key to drive a change and it can identify the nature of the individual. However, there are many kinds of change. It is important to be certain to drive a good change, which is beneficial to world, rather than driving a bad change. It is very easy to motivate a change, but to make a good change is more difficult. People should be able to separate the good and evil by using their logical mind as well as their virtues since the beginning and be empowered by belief to create goodness in the world.